



## Board of Elections

**To:** Public Notice

**From:** Katie Brown, Director

**Date:** January 29, 2021

**Re:** 2020 General Election Post-Election Manual Ballot Tabulation Audit

State law<sup>1</sup> requires that election officials manually audit a sample of voted ballots. This audit must be performed after each general election.

The Baltimore County Board of Elections will conduct the manual ballot audit of the 2020 General Election starting on February 10, 2021 at 10:00 AM. This audit may take one day to complete and will take place at the Baltimore County Board of Elections, located at 11112 Gilroy Road, Suite 104, Hunt Valley, MD 21031. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, public viewing will be available via livestream only, at:

<https://baltimorecountymd.webex.com/baltimorecountymd/onstage/g.php?MTID=e153e293c636ebcce892667e5162f6834>

The Baltimore County Board of Elections will manually tally a sample of votes cast for the Office of President and Vice President and compare the results of the manual tally against the results from the voting system. This process will determine whether the voting system accurately counted ballots during the 2020 General Election.<sup>2</sup>

The State Board of Elections randomly selected the early voting center and precinct to be audited, and the Baltimore County Board of Elections randomly selected the absentee and provisional ballots to be audited. Starting on February 10, 2021, the Baltimore County Board of Elections will manually tally the votes for President and Vice President on:

- 1384 ballots cast on three scanning units on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of early voting at the Randallstown Community Center
- 1567 ballots cast on election day at Victory Villa Community Center
- 225 Mail-In ballots
- 125 Provisional ballots

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<sup>1</sup> See Election Law Article, §11-309 of the *Annotated Code of Maryland*. This requirement introduced as House Bill 1278 of the 2018 Legislative Session and is reported as Chapter 523 of the 2018 Laws of Maryland.

<sup>2</sup> Before the 2018 General Election was certified, the State Board of Elections conducted an automated audit of **all** of the ballots cast in the 2018 General Election. The results of this audit confirmed the accuracy of the voting system. The results of the automated audit are at [https://elections.maryland.gov/voting\\_system/ballot\\_audit\\_plan.html](https://elections.maryland.gov/voting_system/ballot_audit_plan.html)